

# ENGLISH

## (Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

### General Instructions :

- (i) The question paper is divided into three sections :  
Section A : Reading 20 marks  
Section B : Writing and Grammar 30 marks  
Section C : Literature 30 marks
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- (iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

### SECTION – A

#### (Reading) 20

**1. Read the passage given below and answer any eight of the questions that follow : 1 × 8 = 8**

Thornfield Hall was a large gentleman's house in the country, near a town called Millcote. There, after my sixteen-hour journey, I was welcomed by Mrs. Fairfax. She was a little old lady, dressed in black, who seemed glad to have someone else to talk to, apart from the servants. Although the house was dark and frightening, with its big rooms full of heavy furniture, I was excited at being in a new place, and looked forward to my new life there, working for kind Mrs. Fairfax.

But I was surprised to discover on my first full day at Thornfield that Mrs. Fairfax was not in fact the owner, as I had assumed, but the housekeeper, and that my new master was a Mr. Rochester, who was often away from home. My pupil was a girl called Adèle, seven or eight years old, who was born in France and could hardly speak English. Luckily I had learnt French very well at Lowood, and had no difficulty in communicating with your Adèle, a pretty, cheerful child. It appeared that Mr. Rochester, who had known Adèle and her mother very well, had brought Adèle back to England to live with him after her mother had died. I taught her for several hours every day in the library, although it was not easy to make her concentrate on anything for long, as she was clearly not used to the discipline of lessons. One day I took the opportunity of asking Mrs. Fairfax a few questions about Mr. Rochester, as I was curious about him, and the little housekeeper seemed happy to talk.

'Is he liked by most people ?' was my first question.

'Oh yes, his family have always been respected here. They've owned the land around here for years,' she replied.

'But do you like him ? What is his character like ?'

'I have always liked him, and I think he's a fair master to his servants. He's a little peculiar, perhaps. He's travelled a lot, you know. I expect he's clever, but I can't tell, really.'

'What do you mean, peculiar ?' I asked, interested.

It's not easy to describe. You're never sure whether he's serious or joking. You don't really understand him, at least I don't. But that doesn't matter, he's a very good

master.'

- (a) Why was Mrs. Fairfax glad to receive the narrator ?
- (b) Why was the narrator excited ?
- (c) What wrong assumption was made by her ?
- (d) Why had she come to Thornfield Hall ?
- (e) How do we know that Mr. Rochester was a man of noble nature ?
- (f) Why was it difficult to make Adèle study for long hours ?
- (g) Why was Mr. Rochester liked by most people ?
- (h) What was peculiar about the nature of Mr. Rochester ?
- (i) How does the narrator describe Adèle ?

## 2. Read the passage given below : 12

People who smoke are being hounded out of all public places – offices, restaurants, educational institutions, buses, trains etc. Away from home now it is becoming nearly impossible to find a place to smoke. Growing restrictions and the fear of various diseases caused by tobacco are prompting many smokers to stop smoking. 19 states in the U.S. have made laws against smoking.

Taxes on tobacco products are being raised. Smoking is banned at several places. Still the number of smokers is rising in India. More than 25 crore people in India are addicted to tobacco. And according to a WHO report around half of them will die of tobacco related diseases. Unfortunately most people in India still need a strict warning based on a test report before they decide to give up smoking. Patients too seek medical help only after they show serious symptoms of an illness. Some hospitals have set up centres to identify risk factors among the young so that they can take preventive measures like giving up smoking early in life.

Tobacco is the second biggest cause of death in the world. It is responsible for the death of five crore people each year all over the world. Half of the people who are addicted to tobacco will ultimately be killed by this addiction. Many people get rid of this habit on their own and those who are willing to, but can't, go to de addiction centres. These centres use counselling, nicotine replacement therapy and prescriptive drugs to deal with withdrawal problems.

Quitting cold turkey – stopping the use of tobacco at once – works well but only for those who have control and determination to quit.

### (2.1) On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer any four of the following questions : 2 · 4 = 8

- (a) For which two reasons do smokers give up smoking ?
- (b) Name two steps taken in India against smoking.
- (c) Why is the situation unfortunate in India ?
- (d) How do people get rid of smoking ?
- (e) What does 'cold turkey' mean ?

### (2.2) Complete any two of the following statements : 1 · 2 = 2

- (f) In the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ states have passed laws against smoking.
- (g) In India one can't smoke at a \_\_\_\_\_.

(h) Tobacco is the \_\_\_\_\_ biggest killer in the world.

**(2.3) Choose the meanings of the given words/phrases from the options that follow each word/phrase : (any two) 1 · 2 = 2**

**(i) hounded out**

(i) driven out (ii) given out  
(iii) washed (iv) endangered

**(j) restrictions**

(i) checks (ii) imitations  
(iii) failures (iv) defeats

**(k) prompting**

(i) abusing (ii) initiating  
(iii) empowering (iv) encouraging

**SECTION – B**  
**(Writing and Grammar) 30**

**3. You are Arun/Anita, 22 New Light Colony, Guwahati. The park in your colony has not been maintained properly for quite some time. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Chief Officer, Horticulture Dept. complaining against the park in charge for not doing his duty properly. You may use the following points : 8**

- boundary wall broken
- flower beds but no flowers
- no proper cutting of hedges

**OR**

**You are Ms. Alka Rao, librarian S.J. Public School, Guntur. Place an order in 100-120 words with Janatha Book Store, Station Road, Chennai for 5 copies each of 4 books (name any four) which students of class X need for reference. Ask for a discount and an early delivery.**

**4. Write a story in 200-250 words based on the following clues : 10**

**A house full of rats – happy – a cat comes – rats in danger – how to warn – a small rat – tie a bell – bell ringing – warning – an elder rat – who will bell the cat ?**

**OR**

**It was a dark night. We had lost our way among the fields. Then I saw a light in the distance. We started walking in that direction.....**

**5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks with the help of options that follow : 1 · 4 = 4**

Rakesh \_\_\_\_(\_a)\_\_\_\_ not quarrel with anyone in \_\_\_\_(\_b\_)\_\_\_\_ jail. Then one day I saw him \_\_\_\_(\_c)\_\_\_\_ his cool. In his ward \_\_\_\_(\_d\_)\_\_\_\_ was a youngman \_\_\_\_(\_e)\_\_\_\_ did not look like a criminal.

(a) (i) do (ii) does (iii) did (iv) doing

(b) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) some

- (c) (i) lose (ii) loses (iii) lost (iv) losing  
 (d) (i) there (ii) their (iii) here (iv) nowhere  
 (e) (i) which (ii) who (iii) that (iv) whose

**6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error, write it and its correction as shown in the example : (any four) 1**

· 4 = 4

**Error Correction**

People always take pity on Reddy. e.g. take took  
 He was a victim on an acid attack. (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 He was very young hard eleven (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 years old. People will say, "What'll (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
 he do in life ? What is go to (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 happen to him when we had gone ?" (e) \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. (any four) 1 · 4 = 4**

- (a) were / on the / Ram / standing / and / beach / Sham  
 (b) at the / waves / were / rising and falling / they / looking  
 (c) a boat / a wave / they / top of / saw / on the  
 (d) the wave / up and down / was / with / it / going  
 (e) in the / two men / there / sitting / were / boat

**SECTION – C  
 (Literature) 30**

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1 × 4 = 4**

Naresh Dutt cast an appraising look at Patol Babu and gave a nod. 'Oh yes', he said. 'There is no doubt about that. By the way, the shooting takes place tomorrow morning'.

- (a) Who is Naresh Dutt ?  
 (b) Why has he come to meet Patol Babu ?  
 (c) What do his words 'Oh yes' mean ?  
 (d) What is meant by 'shooting' ?

**OR**

But I am constant as the northern star,  
 Of whose true-fix'd and resting quality  
 There is no fellow in the firmament.

- (a) Who is the speaker ?  
 (b) What is the northern star ?  
 (c) What is special about it ?  
 (d) What is firmament ?

**9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each : 2 · 4 = 8**

- (a) Why didn't Luigi, the driver, approve of Nicola and Jacopo ?

- (b) Who was Ali ? Why did he go daily to the post office ?  
(c) "My name is Ozymandias, king of kings." What does Ozymandias mean by 'king of kings' ?  
(d) Why did the narrator feel sorry after throwing a stick at the snake ?  
(e) How does Mrs. Slatter plan to outshine the Jordons ? Why ?

**10. Answer the following in 100-120 words : 8**

To lead a happy married life there must be trust between husband and wife. Why did Lavinia decide to leave her husband and why did she later on change her decision ?  
OR

Animal life is as sacred as human life. Describe how ancient mariner and other sailors suffered because the ancient mariner had killed the albatross.

**11. Answer the following question in 200-250 words : 10**

Describe Helen Keller's experience at Radcliffe.

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Gilman.

OR

How does Anne develop as her diary progresses ?

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Margot.

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